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OAKLAND SCHOOLS WIN GRANT TO TRAIN MATH, SCIENCE TEACHERS

(LANSING) – Sen. Deborah Cherry is pleased to announce that Oakland Schools will receive part of a \$3.8 million federal grant to train math and science teachers. Distributed under the Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) program, funding will support partnerships between K-12 teachers and faculty of colleges and universities.

“These grants will go a long way toward giving our teachers the tools they need to improve the education of our children,” Sen. Cherry said. “Michigan’s students will be better prepared to compete globally as a result.”

Each research project will evaluate training methods for math and science teachers in schools identified as needing improvement in student performance. Independent project evaluators will oversee and assure valid application of research findings.

Participants will be trained at their local Math/Science centers normally used for teacher professional development. State education officials awarded the grants to applicants based upon the viability of their planned projects and their proposed scientific methodology to evaluate teacher performance.

Seven school districts received federal grants. They include Oakland Schools, Battle Creek Public Schools, Central Michigan University, Macomb Intermediate School District, Saginaw Valley State University, Wayne Regional Education Service Agency and Western Michigan University.

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Sen. Deborah Cherry is a first-term Democrat from Burton, Michigan. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she sits on the Higher Education, Department of Community Health, Department of Natural Resources and Capital Outlay subcommittees.